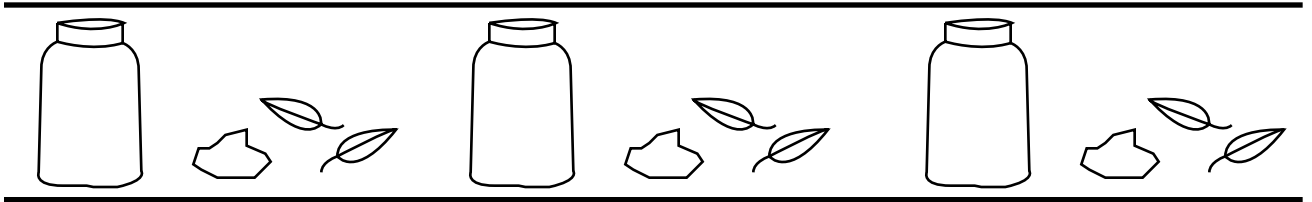


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Witch Bottles

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Many years ago, shortly after moving into an old farmhouse in Pennsylvania, my mother discovered a small bottle filled with dried beans and animal hair tucked into the old stone chimney that was no longer in use. Neither of us were too certain what to make of the find but my mother promptly tucked the bottle back into its place.

Witch bottles were once common in Pennsylvania. They were used to protect the house, bring prosperity, and to keep the livestock healthy. They were also used to bring misfortune to a neighbor and for acquiring the love of another. For both good and bad, the witch's bottle has endless uses in the world today.

To Protect Against Psychic Attacks

Ingredients:

Mason Jar

Small mirror, broken into pieces

Small black onyx stone

Clean steel nails

Black votive candle

Note: It is believed that to break a mirror by accident is to bring bad luck. In this spell, you are breaking the mirror intentionally and with the intent to bring protection.

Moon Phase:

This is not limited to the moon phase. When protection is needed there should be no limits to the time in which you perform such a spell. If you feel bound by the moon phases then change your visualization work. If the moon is new or waxing, visualize protection growing around yourself. If the moon is waning, visualize the psychic attacks dissipating. Full moons, harvest the full powers to cast this spell.

Gather the items needed for this spell.

When ready, begin by lighting your small votive candle, saying:

“Candle lit, burning down.

End the attacks, here and now.”

Now take the pieces of broken mirror and put them in your mason jar. Say:

“Broken mirror to reflect

All the harm that comes to wreck.”

Take a handful of nails, add them to the jar. Say:

“Nails of steel be true!

Let no evil pass on through.”

Take the black onyx stone in your power hand, the hand that you write with. Black onyx is an extremely protective stone and will absorb all negativity. Visualize the onyx protecting you, or actually ‘sucking up’ all the negative energies and psychic attacks being made upon you. Now place it in the jar. By now the black votive candle should be burnt out or almost burnt out. If it isn’t, use the extra time to meditate and work on creating a protective bubble around yourself. To create a protective bubble, imagine that there is a silvery bubble surround yourself, you are in its center. The bubble is transparent, you can see out of it, but it also has a silver film to it, reflecting back the energies that you don’t want in your life. Once the candle has burnt out, add what leftover wax there is to the spell bottle. Close the bottle tightly. The spell is done.

Keep the bottle hidden in a safe place. Tuck it in the back of a closet, a drawer, the attic, or bury outside your front door.

Simple Love Witch Bottle

Purpose: To bring love of equal standing to you.

Ingredients:

Small mason jar or red glass jar with lid

Dried red rose petals

Red cotton string (or silk, wool)

Small quartz crystal

Perform this spell during New or Waxing Moon

Gather the items needed.

On the night of the ritual, gather your items at a place of comfort such as at your altar, outside in a clearing, or even at your kitchen table.

Place the dried red rose petals in the bottom of the jar. Say:

“Roses red

Make the bed

For love to rest upon.”

Take the red string and knot it nine times while saying:

“The first because I love myself.

The second because you love yourself.

The third for luck and unity.

The fourth for love between us two.

The fifth for understanding.

The sixth is for compassion.

The seventh for our bliss together

The eighth for trust and forgiveness.

And the ninth shall bring us together.”

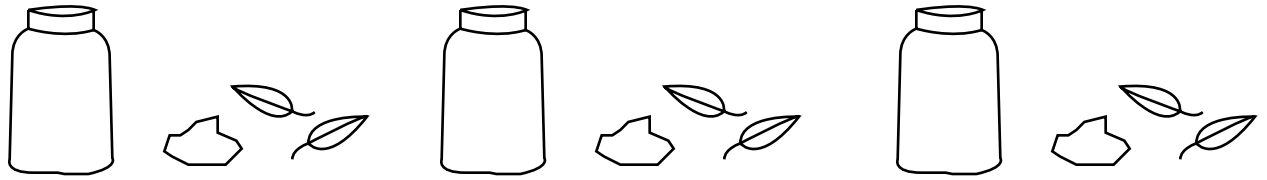
On the ninth knot, knot the two ends of the string together. Place the string inside the jar on top of the rose petals.

Take the small crystal in your power hand (usually the hand you write with) and say to it:

“Crystal quartz as I see you

Manifest love both clear and true.”

Place the crystal inside the jar and close the lid. Keep your love bottle in a safe place.



Witch Bottle for Protection from Physical Harm

Focus: To protect a person from physical harm.

Items Needed:

Mason jar with lid

Clear film canister

Small picture of the person to be protected

Broken glass

Thorns or cactus needles

Nails or thumbtacks

Small white taper candle

Gather items needed.

Take the picture of the person to be protected and place it in the clear canister. Cut the pic down to size if necessary. Say:

“A shield of protection is around you/me.”

Place the film canister, with the picture inside it, into the center of the mason jar. Fill the sides of the jar with broken glass, thorns, cactus needles, nails, and/or thumbtacks. Say:

“With this wall, none shall come to harm you/me.”

Now close the jar tightly. Light the white candle. Let it burn for a minute, while you stare into its flame and visualise it emanating protective energies. Once the wax has begun to melt on the candle, drip the candle wax onto the lid and seal. Say:

“You/I are/am enclosed within protection.
Nothing shall come to harm you/me.”

Place the candle in a candle holder and allow it to burn brightly behind the protection bottle, filling it with it's protective energies. Once the candle has burnt out, the spell is done. Take the protection bottle and place it in a safe place or bury it at the protected person's home.

Inspiration Jar

Purpose: To bring on inspiration. For creativity.

Ingredients:

Mason jar

Small crystal

Dried orange peels (two-thirds)

Dried mint (one-third)

2 drops orange essential oil

1 drop mint essential oil

Square piece of black cotton fabric

Rubber band

Orange fabric paint or orange acrylic

Orange ribbon

Note: The colour orange is the colour of creative energies. The shading (how dark or light the orange is) that you use will denote the level of creative energies you wish to channel. A dark orange will take you deep into the creative energies while a light orange is less intense.

Moon cycle: No moon cycle is selected for this spell because all phases of the moon hold different levels of creative energies, including the dark moon. If you follow moon phases, choose the cycle that fits your purpose best.

Gather ingredients.

With a clean and dry jar before you, place the mint first and then the orange peels inside, filling it up about two-thirds of the way. Add two drops of orange essential oil and one drop mint essential oil. More if you are using a large mason jar. Stir ingredients together.

Take the small crystal in your hand and say something such as:

“Creativity

Come to me

In whispers and dreams

And visions that gleam.”

Place the crystal inside the jar with the potpourri.

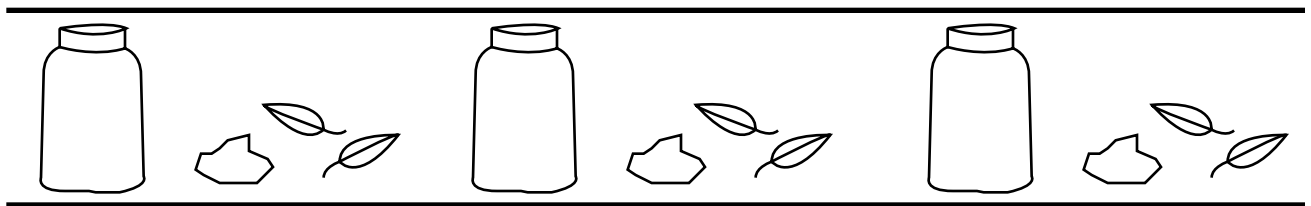
For the lid, cover the opening of the jar with black fabric so that the side of the fabric hang down over the edges about 2 inches. With a pencil, mark the center top of the fabric. Take the fabric off the jar, lie it flat on a hard surface. Using orange paint, acrylic or fabric paint, paint on a spiral. While the paint is drying, cover the jar temporarily with a lid so that it doesn't get spilled.

Spiral: The spiral is a symbol of the dance of life. It shows the continuous cycle of ourselves going inward (within ourselves/our psyche) and then going outward (expressing ourselves).

Black: The black fabric in this spell is used as an absorption colour. Black absorbs all colours, all energies. By placing the orange spiral on this we are signifying just what those energies are that the black is absorbing, all creative energies.

Once the paint is dry, place the fabric on the jar once again. The spiral should now be on the centered top of the jar's mouth. Holding the fabric in place, wrap the rubber band around the sides to hold it in place. Next, tie the orange ribbon overtop of the rubber band.

Keep this inspiration jar in your work area, where you do your writing, painting, drawing, or keep it by your bed to bring on inspiring dreams.



To Scare Off Religious Doorknockers

I've always had a problem with doorknockers selling religion and so I put together this spell bottle to create an uneasy feeling in those who try to come to my door with their religion.

Ingredients:

Dried pennyroyal

A broken cross or one that is in poor shape

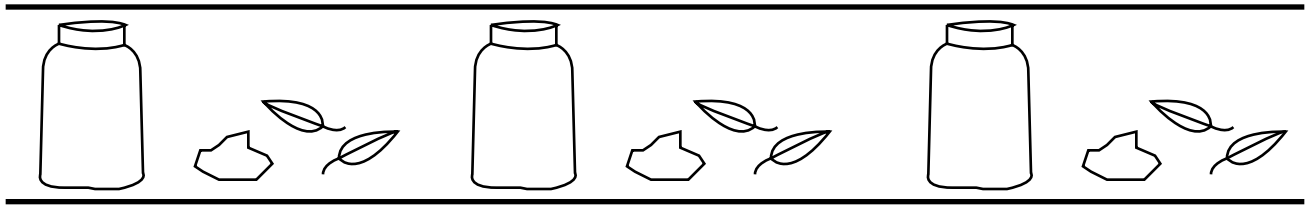
Urine

Cat hairball

Place ingredients into a jar and bury outside your front door. If you can't bury the jar, tuck it out of sight outside your front door.

The ingredients are enough to churn anyone's stomach.

The last time I had a visit from a religious salesperson, she dropped a pamphlet between my doors and ran back to her car.



Creating Your Own Witch Bottles

A witch bottle can be created for any need or desire. Any jar, from a mayonaise jar to an expensive decorative jar, can be used. Herbs are optional and expensive ingredients are frowned upon.

You will need a few essential books for researching the ingredients that you have on hand. *Magickal Herbalism* by Scott Cunningham is a good book for learning the magical properties of herbs. Other books should cover food lore, superstitions, and stone lore.

Once you have an understanding of the magical properties of the items in your general surroundings, you should create a list of properties for personal use. This list will come in handy when the need arises for magical intervention.